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1. INITIAL PUBLIC REACTION BY GOVERNMENT TO SENATE APPROVAL OF CANAL TREATIES HAS BEEN LOW KEY. ACTING FONMIN LUIS AYCINENA WAS QUOTED IN PRESS APRIL 19 THAT GUATEMALA HAS ALWAYS BEEN IN FAVOR OF A JUST SOLUTION AND THE NEWS OF APPROVAL OF THE CANAL TREATY IS CAUSE FOR SATISFACTION. ACCORING TO THE PRESS, DR. AYCINENA'S STATEMENT CAME SHORTLY AFTER HE RECEIVED WORD THAT THE PANAMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE ACTION OF THE U.S. SENATE.

2. DIARIO EL GRAFICO APRIL 20 CARRIED AN EDITORIAL LAUDATORY OF THE SENATE ACTION, CALLING THEAGREEMENT A TRIUMPH BOTH FOR LATIN AMERICA AND FOR PRESIDENT CARTER. EDITORIAL ALSO EXPRESSED PLEASURE OVER PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT IN UNCLASSIFIED

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SPANISH (CARRIED HERE ON TV) AND NOTED THAT PRESIDENT "HAS ACHIEVED A NEW POLITICAL SUCCESS AND HAS REAFFIRMED HIS POSITION WITH RESPECT TO (LATIN AMERICA)."
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